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### **Motor expands legal expenses partnership**

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As part of the continuing development of its motor portfolio offering, the Motor division has announced a legal expenses partnership with Lawclub Legal Protection to consolidate and enhance the legal expenses and uninsured loss recovery (ULR) cover it provides to its motor policyholders.

The partnership, which replaces the covers previously underwritten by DAS and QBE, is effective for all new business and renewals on or after 1 April 2009. It provides greater limits of cover across the QBE motor policy provisions, through a provider with a strong focus on legal expense solutions.

Under the new arrangement, claims for uninsured loss recovery will be handled by Lawclub Legal Protection's panel solicitor, Manchester-based Horwich Farrelly Solicitors, who will negotiate settlement on behalf of QBE policyholders.

Commenting on the new arrangement, Matt Crane, Managing Director of Motor said: "The new partnership means our motor clients will be able to benefit from a more comprehensive legal expenses & ULR service provided by a leading UK law firm, acknowledged as market experts in the provision of legal expenses & uninsured loss recovery services.

This transition is all about speed and efficiency in the legal expenses and uninsured loss recovery field for the benefit of all of our UK motor policyholders looking for such a provision"

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### Notes to editors

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#### Lawclub Legal Protection

Lawclub Legal Protection is the trading name for Allianz Legal Protection (ALP), part of Allianz Insurance Plc. Lawclub Legal Protection has over 15 years of experience underwriting motor legal expenses insurance in the UK. The new partnership will provide a consolidation of the legal expenses and uninsured loss recovery (ULR) provisions underwritten by DAS and QBE prior to April 1, 2009. Policies incepting prior to that date will continue to operate until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.